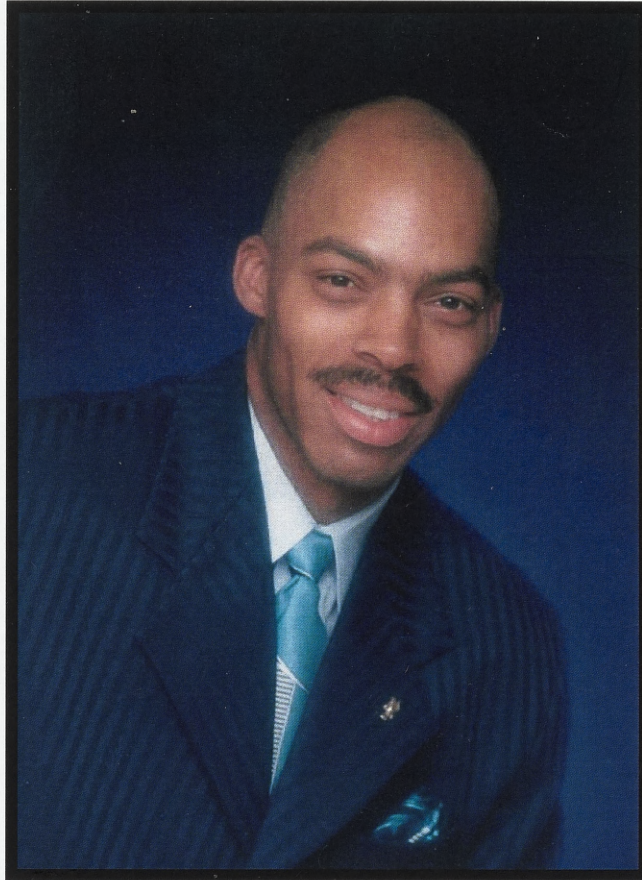


Homegoing Celebration  
For The Life Of  
Ronnie Hayes, Sr.



*Sunrise*  
**March 9, 1961**

*Sunset*  
**December 10, 2010**

Service Held at 11:00 A.M.  
Tuesday, December 21, 2010  
St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
662 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Richmond, California 94804  
Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor and Officiator

## OBITUARY

*Ronnie Hayes Sr. was born on March 9, 1961 in Riverside, California to the proud parents of Edward Hayes and Evelyn Hayes-Clayton.*

*Ronnie accepted the Lord and was baptized at an early age by the late Rev. R. L. Johnson at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, CA. As he grew in the Lord he served on the Usher Board and provided Janitorial Services for the church. He also assisted his late grandfather Ulysses Jordan in carpentry services in and around the church.*

*Ronnie completed his secondary education in Richmond, graduated from El Cerrito High School and went on to college. He later joined and served in the US Navy receiving an Honorable Discharge. Ronnie later married the love of his life Debbie D. Sheppard, his devoted wife of 22 years. To this union one son was born Ronnie Hayes II bringing together a family of seven including G'Meakia, Gregory, Nakia, and Sean.*



*Ronnie had a true zest for life. He loved the Lord, his family and people. He was adventurous and loved to have fun. He had a wonderful sense of humor, genuine laughter and an ever-present smile. During his walk of life he created ever-lasting friendships and many considered him as family. Ronnie loved children, he was a true boy scout enjoying camping, sports and roller skating. He loved helping anyone that was in need and would give you his last.*

Ronnie served as a Site Supervisor, Staff Assistant and Security personnel at every educational facility his children attended. While actively being involved with his children, he touched and inspired many teachers, students, and their families, sharing much joy and love. Ronnie wore many hats in his careers; his last employment was with Pitney Bowes, and the Lodi Unified School District.

Ronnie in his home going is preceded  
In death by his father Edward Hayes  
Jr. He leaves to mourn his loving  
wife Debbie D. Hayes, five children:

G'Meakia Iman (Malik) of American  
Canyon, CA; Gregory Barnett, Jr. of  
Vallejo, CA; Nakia Hayes of Sacra-  
mento, CA; Sean Harris of Fairfield,  
CA; and Ronnie Hayes II of Stockton,  
CA; Mother: Evelyn Hayes-Clayton  
(Gene) of Richmond, CA; Sisters:  
Rosalyn Kilbourne (Robert) of Antioch,  
CA; Ellen Thompson (Lawrence) of  
Hercules, CA; Charmetra Wells,  
Vandrea Thomas, Montrenette  
Williams all of Baton Rouge, La; Pamela

Clayton of Detroit, MI; Brothers: Edwin Thomas of Baltimore, MD;  
Edward Northern of Atlanta, GA; Maurice Warren, and Jamal Lewis of  
Baton Rouge, La; Grandchildren; G'Aureon Barnett, Kylie Hayes,  
Shaheid Iman, Pryia Iman and Aniyah Cruz. Grandmother; Hazel Jordan  
of Richmond, CA; and a host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews,  
Cousins, Sister-in-laws, Brother-in-laws, and many friends and loved  
ones.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

For

**RONNIE HAYES SR.**

Musical Interlude ----- Minister Vorrice Cooper

Processional ----- Clergy and Family

Scripture: Old Testament – Psalms 121:1-3 ----- Minister Fredrick Dabbs

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 ----- Minister Derrick Jackson

Prayer ----- Minister Alice Powell

Soloist ----- Minister Cynthia Harris

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

Poem ----- (Niece) Kristina Kilbourne

(Granddaughter) G'Aureon Barnett

Expressions ----- Al Sheppard, Shari Thompson, Kevin Lynch,

----- Gregory Barnett Jr., Ronnie Hayes II, Jerrel Bolds, Jr.

Memorial Ceremony ----- Usher Ministry

Soloist ----- Minister Vorrice Cooper

Acknowledgment of Cards & Condolences Sis. Ann Lucas

Resolution ----- Sis. Annie Johnson

Obituary ----- Jeanette Worsham

Soloist ----- Minister Cynthia Harris

*"God Has Smiled On Me"*

Words of Comfort ----- Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor

Parting View ----- Wilson & Kratzer Staff

Recessional ----- Wilson & Kratzer Staff

### **INTERMENT** (*immediately following*)

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive

Richmond, CA 94803

### **REPAST**

Hilltop Green Clubhouse

1095 Parkside Drive

Richmond, CA 94803

*My Dearest Ronnie,*

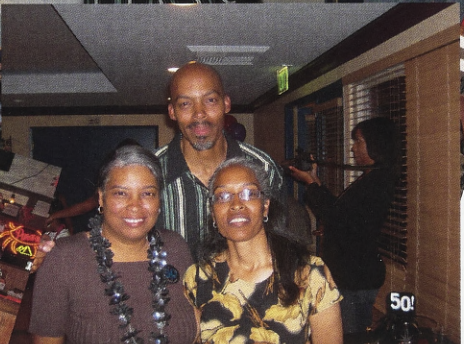
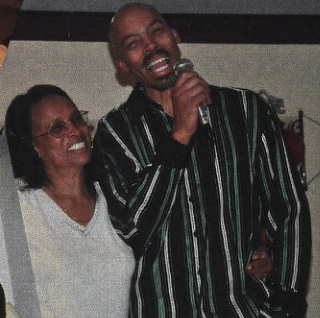
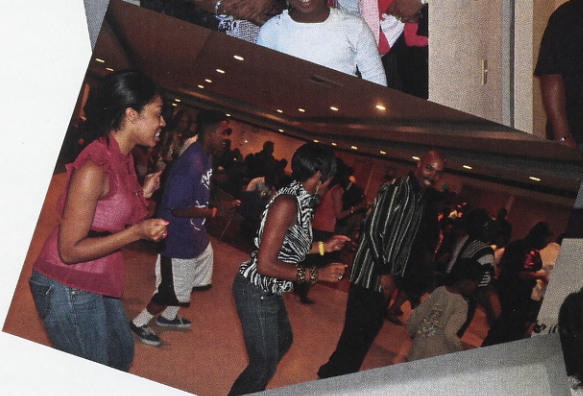
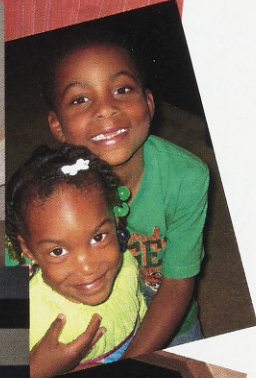
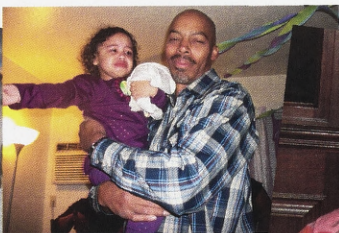
*You walked into my life over 26 years ago, and there has been nothing but happiness and joy since. I remember telling you in the beginning that our age difference might be a problem. But you said, "Age is nothing but a number".*

*Whether it was us traveling across country from California to Florida with our family, you picking me up from work to take me across the San Rafael, Golden Gate, and Bay bridges in one day, or you showing me the value of being a listener, rather than a talker, you opened my eyes to so many things in our relationship and in my life. I know you are no longer on this earth, but in Heaven with your Heavenly Father, where there is no more pain or suffering, greed, unfairness or selfishness; only peace and love.*

*Your children, grandchildren and I will always remember everything you taught us and will forever keep your values and your love of life in our hearts and minds.*

*Ronnie, you will truly be missed.*

*Always & Forever,  
Your Loving Wife*





### Active Pallbearers

Edwin Thomas  
Edward Northern  
Malik Iman

Bruce Jamison  
Dave Robinson  
Perry Bryant

### Honorary Pallbearers

Ronnie Hayes II  
Gregory Barnett, Jr.  
Sean Harris  
Shaheid Iman  
Maurice Warren  
Jamal Lewis

Robert Kilbourne, Sr.  
Al Sheppard  
Gregory Sheppard  
Rhett Sheppard  
Juan Sheppard  
Clyde Moore

Lawrence Thompson, Jr.

### Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemy: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

### Acknowledgements

Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food; If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.  
May God Bless You and Keep You.  
The family of Ronnie Hayes